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BY

John, Lord Bishop of Toronto.

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My Dear Brethren;

Permit me to bespeak your kind attention to the following appeal, and your active and generous exertions in promoting its object.

It will in a few days be submitted more formally to your consideration by my worthy Presbyters and friends, the Rev. Thomas B. Fuller, Rural Dean and Rector of Thorold, and the Rev. Saltern Givens, Rural Dean and Rector of Springfield, who have voluntarily undertaken to solicit your liberality in behalf of Trinity College. The former (*D. V.*) intends to visit the districts west of Toronto, and the latter the districts east of that City.

I consider the Council of Trinity College to be justified by many reasons in making this affectionate appeal to the members of the Church. Many have intimated their desire to enlarge their subscriptions, now that Trinity College is a fact accomplished. Many more express regret that no convenient opportunity of contributing has yet been given them. For though my appeal in February, 1850, was widely circulated, it did not reach thousands who are anxious to give their assistance.

Besides some held back at that time from feelings not to be wondered at,—that the work was beyond our strength—some were withheld by temporary inability, and other causes, which have since disappeared, prevented many warm friends of the object from coming forward.

But now all doubts and apprehensions have passed away. Trinity College is no longer a visionary conception, but a substantial reality—daily employed under able Professors in the work of instruction, and numbering, in its several departments, by the last return, seventy scholars. Under such favourable circumstances, the Council of Trinity College appeal with the greatest confidence to the friends of pure religion and learning, to enable them to bring the arduous and important struggle in which they are engaged to a speedy and successful issue.

For, let it be remembered that the Members of our Church in this Diocese, have no other Seminary except Trinity College, to which they can as religious men entrust the education of their youth.

Hence it becomes the bounden duty of all our people to establish in this populous and important Colony a seat of learning, in which the doctrines of the Church of England shall be taught in their integrity, and in which her pure and "reasonable service" shall elevate and sanctify the labours of the teacher and the scholar.

I remain, My Brethren,
Your affectionate Diocesan,
JOHN TORONTO.

As the Members of the Church in this Diocese, when their liberality is again appealed to on behalf of Trinity College, will naturally desire to become acquainted with the progress we have made, the Council of the College gladly avail themselves of the occasion to state the following particulars.

Trinity College, being one of residence, spacious buildings are required. Accordingly the plan adopted forms a quadrangle of 250 feet by 200 feet. The whole of the front half is under contract, of which two-thirds are finished and occupied; and the remainder will be completed by the 1st of November next.

This contract includes the Library, (used at present as a Chapel,) Class Rooms for Divinity, Arts, Medicine, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, separate Lodging Rooms for nearly fifty Students, besides the Provost's house, and apartments for the domestics. The whole, when completed, will (including the cost of the site, the fittings up and other contingencies,) require an expenditure of at least twelve thousand pounds currency.

The rear half of the quadrangle, when completed, will contain the Chapel, Museum, Dining Hall, Class and Professors' Rooms for the several faculties, and separate apartments for the same number of Students as the front half, or, in all accomodation for nearly one hundred resident Students. This portion, not being so ornamental as the front, might be completed for less than eight thousand pounds: a consummation most desirable, if it could be speedily accomplished.—But it must be postponed for a season, as the present contract is likely to exhaust all our available funds. We shall nevertheless wait in faith, and hope that God in his good time will touch the hearts of Christian friends to come to our aid.

Our encouragement is indeed great. We have already more than sixty Students belonging to the different departments of the College, of whom twenty-one are in Theology and Arts and seven-

teen in residence; and we have reason to believe, that as we increase our accommodation it will be occupied by an increase of Students.

Our friends are aware, that although the subscriptions within the Diocese are very liberal, a small portion only is in money, the remainder being in stock and funds not readily available. Hence the College Council found it expedient to make use of the funds collected in England, in order to enable them to purchase an eligible site and proceed with the necessary buildings. But these funds are rapidly diminishing, and require to be replenished.

Under these circumstances, the Council feel themselves justified in making an appeal to the Subscribers to Trinity College within the Diocese, for the payment of their subscriptions, as a small portion only has been yet received.

They likewise appeal to those who have not yet come forward to do so now with liberal donations, to enable them to bring the arduous and important struggle in which they are engaged to a speedy and successful issue.

Moreover, the Council is invited to make this appeal by friends from different parts of the Diocese, who desire to enlarge their subscriptions now that Trinity College is a fact accomplished and in active operation; and others have expressed their regret that no convenient opportunity to contribute has been yet afforded them.

The Bishop's appeal, in February 1850, though widely circulated, did not reach many who would have willingly contributed. Some held back from an impression, not unnatural, that the work was far beyond the ability of the Diocese to carry out; that it might fail after much expense had been incurred; and they did not feel satisfied to contribute towards a probable loss. Temporary inability and other causes prevented many warm friends to the object from shewing themselves its efficient friends at that time. But now all doubts and apprehensions have passed away, Trinity College

is no longer a visionary project, but a substantial seminary, daily employed in the work of instruction, and numbering in its several departments, as already noticed, more than sixty Scholars.

Under all these circumstances, it is felt and believed that the time has come for making this earnest and affectionate appeal to all the inhabitants of this Province who are friendly to Trinity College.

Besides ordinary donations, there are many other ways by which those who are anxious to place the University of the Church on a secure and respectable footing may exert their benevolence.

Most of the Colleges in Europe have been the fruit of individual piety and devotion. Where there was not sufficient means to found a complete College, a single professorship was endowed, or one or more scholarships, according to the ability of the donor. Sometimes a single professorship, perhaps of small value, or merely provision made for a gold or silver medal annually, or a few choice books, to be given in prizes for proofs of good conduct, learning and ability. But all flowed from the same pious and generous motives; and whether it was the foundation of a College or a Professorship, Fellowship or Scholarship, a medal or a book, the purity of intention made it acceptable to God and worthy of his blessing.

We may not for a time receive large bequests and donations in this new country, and this not so much from the want of inclination as ability. Most of our brethren are yet struggling for a competency, and very few have attained to any great degree of wealth. But these obstacles are gradually disappearing, and the number of those who possess more than a competency is rapidly increasing. Hence we can with truth say that we have already amongst us not a few who are sufficiently able (if blessed with the will) to do much towards the support of religious institutions.

There are many ways of doing this, equally beneficial to the College and the Donors.

1st. The Churchmen in every township of the Diocese might unite in purchasing a lot of two hundred acres of land, to be called the College Lot. The one-half of the annual proceeds to be for ever devoted to the instruction, at Trinity College, of the most promising young man, a native of the township; and the other half to the general purposes of the University.

2ndly. Parishes and wealthy congregations and individuals might endow one Scholarship immediately, and as their ability permitted add one or two more. The holders to be named, under proper regulations, by such parish or congregation and individuals, if required.

To act upon one of these suggestions, or any other of a similar character which a generous mind may adopt, would be to the donors a source of never-failing comfort and exultation during their whole lives. Little do the parsimonious and selfish know how much they mar their own happiness, both here and hereafter, by withholding God's part and neglecting the precept which says "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it."

CHARLES MAGRATH, *Secretary and Bursar.*

TORONTO, UPPER CANADA.
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